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"And they cried, The Sword of the Lord, and of Gideon." Judges 7:20

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The Church And Its Workers

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"He first findeth his own brother Simon, and . . . he brought him to Jesus . . . The day following Jesus would go forth into Galilee, and findeth Philip . . . Philip findeth Nathanael."—John 1:41-45.

The work of the church is varied. Every community has its own difficulties, and every church its own problems. But every church in every community has the one object—the salvation of the lost—in the range of its influence. Other objects may be important. They may press heavily, but never is it to be forgotten that the souls of unsaved people are more important than anything else under the sun. One soul is worth more than a world.

Do not, however, understand me to be indifferent to the world. We must give thought to it, if we would do the best work for souls. I have no patience with sentimentalists who are ever harping on soul-winning, and shouting "Glory all the way," and who yet stay away from service when the pastor is announced to preach on "Righteousness in Public Office." We are our brother's keepers. The church should be interested in everything that is for the good of humanity. But, after all, let it be understood forever that the winning of lost men to Christ is the main work of the church.

The question with every church realizing this fact is: HOW CAN THE CHURCH BE BEST LED INTO THIS WORK?

Taking for granted that the other steps, as far as possible, have been duly considered, let us study a few suggestions concerning the work side of the soul-winning church.

The Individual Burden

The one essential thing is, that the church itself shall feel the burden of the work. Every member, as far as possible, should be made to feel his personal obligation to save the lost. Andrew found Simon and brought him to Jesus. Philip found Nathanael and brought him to Jesus. This is the way to have a soul-winning church.

The pastor must never cease to urge soul winning, until he gets his people fired with the respon-

sibility of being Andrews and Philips. Around every church there are opportunities. Lost people are everywhere; we walk with them and talk with them every day. It is ours, therefore, to show a personal interest in their soul's salvation.

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Dr. Len. G. Broughton

Prize Winner in \$1,000 Sword Evangelistic Sermon Contest

The Renaissance of the Soul

by Harold John Ockenga, Ph.D., Litt.D., LL.D., D.D., Hum. D.
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"Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again."—John 3:7.

Picture in your mind's eye a man seated upon the roof of his oriental home in Jerusalem at twilight. The sun has set behind the hills west of Jerusalem and has dipped into the Mediterranean Sea. The blues have been changed to the oranges and reds of the spectrum. Soon the sky is filled with silver and gold which rims the scattered clouds and tints the undulating heaven. Gradually

the vermillions of the afterglow take over and then gradually the shades of purple push their way into the sky until finally all is darkness and the stars make their appearance.

Had you been watching the face

of this individual you would have noted his clean-cut, chiselled features, his high forehead, his well-set eyes, his high cheekbones, his aquiline nose, and you would have

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Dr. Harold John Ockenga

The Fact of CHRIST'S RESURRECTION

By Dr. Hyman J. Appelman
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"Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand; By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain. For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures: And that he was seen of Cephas, then of the twelve: After that, he was seen of above five hundred brethren at once; of whom the greater part remain unto this present, but some are fallen asleep. After that, he was seen of James; then of all the apostles. And last of all he was seen of me also, as of one born out of due time . . . And if Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain. . . . we are found false witnesses of God; . . . ye are yet in your sins. . . . we are of all men most miserable. But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept. For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. . . . in Christ shall all be made alive . . . at his coming . . . Then cometh the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power. For he must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet. The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death. For he hath put all things under his feet."—I Corinthians 15:1-8; 14, 15, 17, 19; 20-27.

The doctrine of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ is essentially one of the fundamentals of our religion. Christianity stands or falls on the truth of the tremendous assertion that Jesus Christ, the mighty Son of God, was crucified, was buried, and on the third day was raised from the dead. The veracity, the inspiration, the validity, the value of the Holy Scriptures is also built upon, unquestionably based upon this one assurance. If Jesus Christ was not raised from the dead, then He was not the Son of God; then the Bible is not the Word of God; then Christianity is not the religion of God. But, our own souls echo with the confidence that the facts as related in Holy Scripture prove beyond the shadow of a doubt the resurrection of Jesus the Nazarene.

With that as a background in your minds, as it were by way of

introduction, may I give you an humble outline, a simple statement. First, there is the preaching of the resurrection; second, there is proof of the resurrection; third, there is the promise, or, perhaps I should say, the power of the resurrection.

Preaching of the Resurrection

The preaching of Paul the Apostle was very simple. Strip it of its explanatory words and you will find that it consists of three tremendous thoughts. First, Jesus Christ, the virgin born Son of God, came into the world to take upon Himself the sins of all mankind. He lived here upon the earth the circumscribed life of a man. He taught as no man taught. He labored as no man labored. His life was spotless, stainless, sinless. By the hands of His enemies,

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The Editor's Notes

In an hour I will go home for lunch, then drive to Chicago airport to take a plane to Minneapolis. Tonight (Tuesday, March 17) the Board of Northwestern Schools meets in an important session. As do other Board members, I pay my own expenses there to have a part in the work of these blessed schools, founded by Dr. W. B. Riley. God willing, at 11:00 p.m. I will take the train back to Chicago. I should arrive for most of the day's work in the office tomorrow. Pray for Northwestern Schools!

Dr. Harold John Ockenga

We are honored and glad to have this week a prize-winning sermon by Dr. Harold John Ockenga, pastor of famous Park Street Church in downtown Boston; president of Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, California. Under Dr. Ockenga's ministry, the Park Street Church has raised the budget from \$20,000 to \$300,000 annually. It now supports 141 missionaries. Sunday morning and evening services are broadcast over 50,000-watt radio stations. Two services are held every Sunday morning to accommodate the crowd. Dr. Ockenga preaches from an outdoor pulpit to the multitudes on Boston Common. He has just returned recently from a city-wide campaign with the Reformed Churches of Grand Rapids, Michigan, and is often used in evangelistic services. He is the author of eight books and he has received four honorary doctorates. We are glad this godly and greatly-used Christian leader could take time to write an evan-

gelistic sermon for THE SWORD OF THE LORD. Don't miss his sermon, "The Renaissance of the Soul."

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The wonderful letters received during Letter-Month had very few complaints. You say you had rather have good Christian-advertisements because you want to know about good Christian schools, publishers, etc., and you would rather not have to pay a larger subscription price to cover any loss for lack of advertising. You do not feel on the whole that we ought to put Sunday School Lesson comments in THE SWORD unless the editor himself could take time to give a detailed Bible study on each lesson. You see that there must be promotion to increase the circulation, to spread Christian books, to spread free soul-winning literature in many countries, etc. But one thing that many of you readers did not like. You are distressed because sermons are continued from one page to another. Why can't we have one sermon begin on the front page and take the whole front page? Why can't we have all the ads moved to the last two or three pages of the paper and let an article take a whole page?

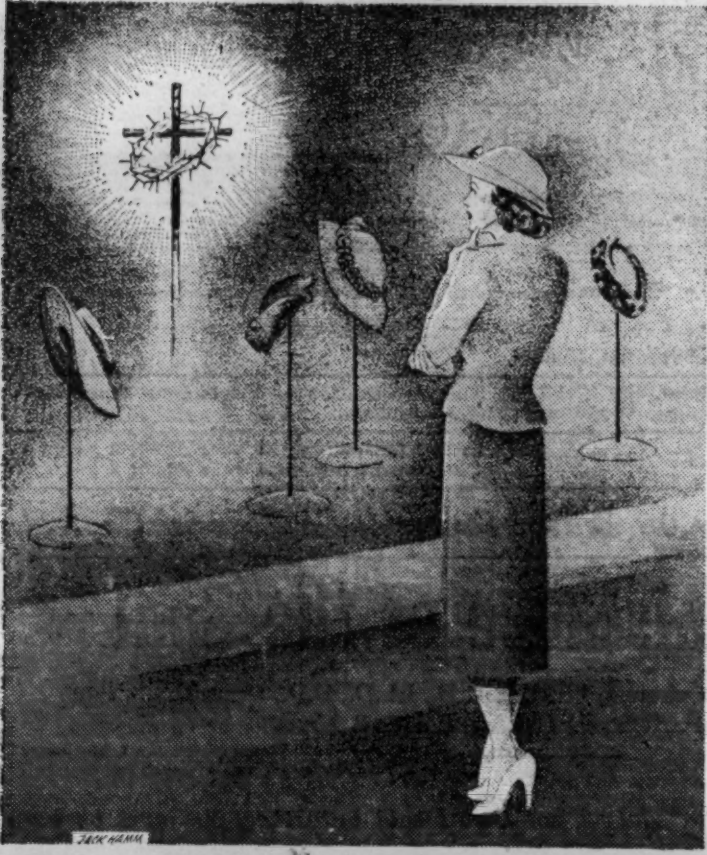
Well, there are good reasons. First of all, it seems wise in THE SWORD OF THE LORD to display all our best wares in the show window. The front page is the show window. People will be attracted to one sermon or another, or to an article, if the best things, when possible, are put on the front

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Dr. Hyman Appelman

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News Flashes From Christian Schools

Garrett New Head at Wheaton Academy



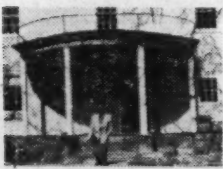
Mr. Cyril D. Garrett has recently been appointed acting director of Wheaton Academy. Garrett has a B.A. degree from Stetson University in DeLand, Florida, and an M.A. from Michigan State College. He has been teaching at Wheaton College for the past 2½ years.

This year marks the 100th Anniversary of the C. D. Garrett popular academy located in Wheaton, Illinois.

John Brown U. Gets Million Dollar Endowment

Murray C. Sells, Texas oilman, willed one million dollars to John Brown University at his death in February. While Sells was driving through the Texas oil fields twenty years ago John Brown, Sr., 4 A.M. broadcast attracted his attention. His interest in the unique three-fold vocational, academic and spiritual emphasis of John Brown Schools steadily grew and commanded a share in his will. The bequest by Sells will strengthen the endowment of the University located at Siloam Springs, Arkansas, and enable it to serve several hundred more students.

Payne Reports Growth at Carver Bible Institute



New Dormitory

Talmage Payne, director of Carver Bible Institute in Atlanta, Georgia, "The Greatest event that has happened to Carver Bible Institute in the past year is a mighty transformation in the lives and ministries of our Negro students, which is a real anointing from God upon these men. Next to that is the near completion of the pictured dormitory, the third building to be owned by this school and its first dormitory. It will house 50 students. We praise our Heavenly Father for this needed provision."

Buffalo Bible Institute President Ill

D. K. Reisinger, president of Buffalo Bible Institute, has been confined to bed for several weeks due to complete exhaustion caused by overwork. He needs your prayers for a full recovery. Rev. Ralph Mueher, former field man for the Sword Staff of Evangelists, is now Vice-President of this fine Bible School.

Houghton College Chorale Reports Unusual Trip

Jim Vaus accompanied the Houghton College Chorale on a different kind of tour through the New England and seaboard states on a mid-semester tour in January. Mr. Vaus told his story and the choir presented a very unusual combination of the finest in chorale music, modern hymn arrangement, and patriotic numbers. There were many decisions for the Lord.



Luckey Hall

Simpson Bible Institute Accredited

The big event for Simpson Institute in Seattle, Washington, this year took place last October when the school was granted accreditation in its collegiate division by the Accrediting Association of Bible Institutes and Bible Colleges. This academic recognition, together with the increased enrollment and added financial stability, make the prospects for the future most encouraging.

Record Enrollment at Tennessee Temple

Tennessee Temple Schools has this year enrolled 640 students from 30 states and three foreign countries. Two new faculty members have been added this semester: Mrs. Paris Reidhead in the department of linguistics and Mr. Steve Taylor in the music department.

A recent student-led revival by Dr. Jack MacArthur of Hollywood, California, was greatly blessed of God. Many souls were saved and a great spirit of revival was manifest among the students.



Youth Memorial Bldg.

Sutherland New BIOLA President

Dr. Samuel H. Sutherland was inaugurated President of the Bible Institute of Los Angeles succeeding Dr. Louis T. Talbot who has become Chancellor.

The students through their Missionary Union are working toward a goal of \$10,000.00 which they will donate to the Africa Inland Mission for the purpose of buying a boat. A little over half of this sum has already been donated.—By Walter E. Handford

Preaching ~ Power ~ Promotion



"... the word of the Lord... Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of hosts."—Zech. 4:6

By Dr. D. A. (Scotchie) McCall
Minister of Revival Promotion,
Sword of the Lord Foundation

I.

The Youth For Christ work, Rev. Harold Jordan, Director, at Jackson, Mississippi, is among the best I know. It was good to go back there where I spent nineteen of 38 years of my ministry (started when I was a boy). The congregation packed and overflowed Southside Baptist Church, where Pastor Wardell Valentine presides. All my brothers and sisters were present, save one—along with other family members. A good many former church members from my field were out also. Former fellow helpers with the Mission Board were present in the persons of Mrs. E. E. Parker, Mrs. L. R. Williams, Miss Lois Tyler, etc. Visitors came in from Memphis, Vicksburg, Belzoni, New Orleans, Brandon, etc. God made it an evening of helpfulness!

Y. F. C. at Jackson, Mississippi, led 400 high school students to meet regularly before classes for prayer.

A very large group of pastors of the Mobile, Alabama, area were present on Monday. I had the privilege of speaking on revival, using Scriptures from Matthew 4; Acts 5, and 20, and Hebrews 1. They were very cordial to me and it was a joy to try to be of some help in Him!

At this writing the meeting at Hunter Memorial shows mounting interest. Doxology!

We had great fellowship in the homes of Rev. and Mrs. Bill Scruggs, and Rev. and Mrs. John Hilbun. Mrs. Hunter, 91 years of age, in a wheel chair attended every service.

II.

Going to a large college church for an engagement some Christian girls came saying, "A girl is coming to ask you for a conference. She likes to ask leaders hard questions. We want you to be ready for her." I thanked them. It was very gracious on their part.

That night I preached to a great congregation on the subject, "Prophecies I Saw Fulfilled in Palestine, or, The Bible as the Word of God." Sure enough after the service, a young lady I had never met before came up asking for a conference. We went into the pastor's study. Before we were seated she looked at me and asked, "Do you believe what you preached tonight?" A rather personal and direct question.

"Oh, yes, I do! I believe the Bible to be the very Word of God. I have read in the Mohammedan sacred book, I have in my library a large volume treating Hinduism. I saw something of Buddhism in Ceylon and on the Malay Peninsula. I heard much of Confucius while in China, and asked questions about Shintoism in Japan. With it all, the Bible is different—it is the Word of God.

"Do you believe what the Bible says about God creating the world?"

"Yes I do! In university I majored in geology with its changing hypotheses. The trouble is many college graduates do not know the difference between a hypothesis and a fact (that I know to be true). God created the world!"

"You believe in God then?"

"Yes I do! Go back, back and sooner or later you must find a cause itself uncaused. That leads to God. How may I know if a man or a camel passed my house last night? By the tracks left. The heavens, the earth, man and more speak of God, Psalm 19 or Psalm 14. The greatest forces and facts may not be seen, yet experienced

as gravitation, love, wind, perfume, God!"

"Do you believe in Jesus as God's Son?"

"Yes, I do." With that she got up meaning the conference was over, saying, "I do not."

I prayed. I was not through with her. I went home and wrote her a six-page letter, saying, "We feel so cocksure about so many things when we must depend upon faith frequently. How do I KNOW I am the child of the folks I regard as my parents? I must take it largely by faith. They say it. I believe them. I favor them. We have this and more proof that Jesus is the Son of God." I wrote much more, giving much Scripture. A leader wrote me, "I do not know what you said to her, but she has been a changed person these last weeks." Praise the Lord! It works! The Word of God is true! Jesus saves! God is a Living Reality!

III.

Let His Word Inform

Real Christians look for light to follow in the New Testament. Today we hear selfish voices purporting to tell Christians how they MUST give of their monies and how they MUST do other things!

1. What MUST I do to be saved? God's Word settles that in a few words, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved" (Acts 16:30, 31).

2. To what causes MUST I give my monies? What says the Word of God?

The Bible: The first offering of the New Testament was by the wise men to Baby Jesus, (Matthew 2). So all offerings should be to Him, for Him, in His Name, for His work, for His glory. In Matthew 10, His disciples were to depend upon the people as they went along, for support. In I Corinthians 9, Paul gives an entire chapter to the support of the ministry. He refers to his own support by the church at Philippi; (Phil. 4:15,16). Jesus commends the widow's gift to the Temple worship (Luke 21:1-4).

The first offerings after Pentecost were for general support of

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believers who had come to Jerusalem from distances and were in need. Paul's special offering was "for the saints"—I Corinthians 16:1, 2 and II Corinthians, chapters 8-9. At least one other word needs to be said. Let Paul say it, "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things" (Rom. 10:13-15)! Some preachers must be sent with the Gospel to those who have it not.

In these Scriptures listed we find the Word of God telling us in example and admonition to: (1) Give to Jesus in every range of the meaning of giving; (2) the ministry is to be supported; (3) the order of worship of God's people is to be supported; (4) the saints in need—laymen as well as ministers are to be helped; (5) preachers are to be sent with the Gospel.

In these passages the Bible sets forth two classifications of gifts: (1) special offerings to right causes as led by the Spirit. Pharisees then and now would compel all gifts to pass through their fingers; (2) offerings for the regular order of worship—the work of Christ at the church and from the church to the ends of the earth is to be supported.

God holds you and me responsible for SEEING that our tithes and offering go to the needy and fruitful places.



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THE BILL RICE RANCH

Most of you know that Cathy and I purchased a worn-out thousand acre ranch near Murfreesboro, Tennessee, to be used as a general conference ground and missionary project among the deaf. I say, "purchased," but what I should say is we made a down payment on this old ranch. The buildings on the property are almost valueless. There is an old ranchhouse that is, according to a local contractor, beyond repair. The old barn is a small ramshackle log affair with a rusty tin roof. There is one three-room cottage that is in first-class condition.

The property is, roughly, in the shape of a horseshoe. It is located in the foothills of the Cumberland Mountains and is covered with brush and woods. There are about twelve or fifteen acres of land that have been cleared well enough that it could be farmed. As land, the place is practically worthless—that is why we could buy it for \$20 an acre. But for a conference ground this place could prove to be unsurpassed.

The little mountains, the valleys, the trees and flowers make it a place of beauty. And, in spite of the fact that the place is so overrun with brush, there is still lots of grass that keeps our eighteen horses fat the year around and could support forty or fifty head of cattle. (We expect eventually to have enough cattle to furnish meat and milk for the summer conferences. Hogs, too, and vegetable gardens.)

Cumberwood

For the site of Cumberwood, our conference ground, we have selected a gentle slope at the foot of a little mountain. At the foot of the slope is an artificial, one and one-half acre lake. The grounds will be laid out in the shape of a horseshoe with the lake at the open end of the horseshoe. Inside the horseshoe will be the large dining hall, refreshment stand, large auditorium and, perhaps, a small auditorium. On the outside of the horseshoe there will be cabins, dormitories, playgrounds, etc.

Cowboy Stuff!

The conference ground, of course, will have a distinct cowboy flavor. The dormitories will be bunk houses, the refreshment stand will be the chuck wagon, etc. We already have a number of

beautiful and gentle horses that are safe for anyone to ride and we will increase our herd as time goes on. We also have five donkeys including a white yearling born last summer. Because of her beautiful singing we call the white donkey Canary!

New Buildings

During the Christian worker's conference last year, which was the only conference we had last summer, we put the floor and walls of the large dining hall in place. Since that time men have been working off and on on the dining hall and the roof is now being finished.

We also finished one two-room cottage last year for which the Life brothers of Clarksburg, West Virginia, furnished the money. Made of concrete blocks with a concrete floor there are two rooms with a connecting bath with attractive overhanging flat roof.

A \$2,000 Gift

Mr. E. E. Widner of Dallas, Texas, sent us a marvelous gift of \$2,000 at Christmastime. Mr. Widner is Cathy's father, president of Texas Gideons, successful business man and well-known Christian worker of Dallas, Texas. He is a member of our board of directors and is greatly interested in our missionary work for deaf children. Mr. Widner sent the money asking that it be used for two dormitories dedicated to the deaf. Work has begun on these dormitories. Scotty, (ranch hand) and I dug and poured the foundation for one of them on Christmas eve, I believe. They are 20 x 34 feet and are going to make wonderful dormitories containing twelve beds which will be 24 youngsters if double-deck beds are used. This dormitory is just about completed now. It will have a cement floor, shower stall, lavatory and toilet. It is in a grove of beautiful cedar trees. The second dormitory has also been started and will be completed long before conference time.

Plenty of Good Water

We also have a pump in the deep conference-ground well. The well goes down for a depth of 200 feet, through some solid rock. A nice wellhouse has been constructed over the well. Water stands in the well at a depth of 100 feet and we believe we will have plenty of wonderful, clear, fresh water for large crowds of people. The pump we have installed is a submersible type and we have also installed a 120 gallon pressure tank. This pump has been made possible through the kindness of a warm personal friend of ours, Ed Whitley of Wilson, North Carolina. Mr. Whitley managed to get the pump and pressure tank and about 800 feet of plastic pipe at wholesale prices and is permitting me to repay him as I am able to do so. Mr. Whitley, incidentally, has made two trips to Murfreesboro at his own expense to oversee and help with the construction. When the time comes he is going to wire the grounds for us and supply the large kitchen. Already he has furnished a walk-in refrigerator, large sinks, stoves, hot water heaters, and other valuable items we will need for the large kitchen.

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We believe that Cumberwood is destined to become one of the greatest conference grounds in all America. It is strategically located in the very heart of the southland and is at a junction of highways from the north to the south and from the east to the west. It is in one of the most beautiful locations you can imagine and we will conduct great conferences there. We will have conferences for deaf children where we hope to win hundreds of them to Christ. Thus it is a missionary project. We will also have

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general conferences for everyone of course and unique young peoples conferences. We plan western conferences where the young people who come will be assigned a horse and taught horsemanship, marksmanship, how to build a camp fire, how to sleep out in the open, etc. It is our aim to win souls to Christ, instruct Christian workers on soul winning and revival and build Christian character in our young people.

There is so much to do and it is going to take a great deal of hard work and thousands of dollars. We ought to have about forty cabins and these are going to cost about \$350 apiece. (These cabins will be built with two rooms and connecting bath.) I wonder if you would like to have a part in this great work. Don't you believe such a cabin would be a far wiser memorial for a loved one than an elaborate grave marker or monument? Don't you believe this would be a tremendous investment from a missionary standpoint? Only three people have given money for cabins and, as mentioned above, Mr. Widner has given money for two dormitories as well as for the well. A few others have sent in gifts. One man is paying for a cabin to be dedicated to Woodrow Medlock who won him to Christ. If you will furnish the money we will furnish the labor and put up

a cabin and name it for anyone you say.

Five Conferences this Summer

We will have five conferences, God willing, at Cumberwood this summer. We will have two for deaf children from July 19 through August 2. We will have three general conferences and I do hope you will plan to come.

June 14 through 21 we will have another Christian worker's conference. Everyone who comes and works for four hours daily will receive his food free of charge. We had a great time last summer at our Christian worker's conference and we are looking forward for far more this summer.

We will have a general conference July 12 through 19 with nationally-known speakers. And we will have a young people's conference beginning August 31 and going over the Labor Day week-end.

Hey Fellas—What About a Cowboy Conference?

I wonder if there are as many as twenty-five fellows—maybe fellows and their fathers—who would like to spend one week on the ranch for a cowboy conference? The time would be June 7 through 14. Every boy (and man) would be given courses in horsemanship—a practical course teaching how to bridle, saddle and ride and care for a horse. There would be lessons in camp lore—how to dress and cook game, how to build a camp fire, how to make a camp for the night, etc. Perhaps lessons on the care and use of fire arms, stressing

carefulness in handling, etc. There would be devotional periods in the morning and a campfire service at night with singing and testimonies featured.

Well, how does this sound to you, fellas? What would it cost? \$25 for the week and we furnish horses, grub, etc. If there are as many as 25 young fellows who would love something like this, write me in care of this paper and let me know. Incidentally, are there girls from 12 years old and up who would be interested in a similar conference? Let's hear from you.

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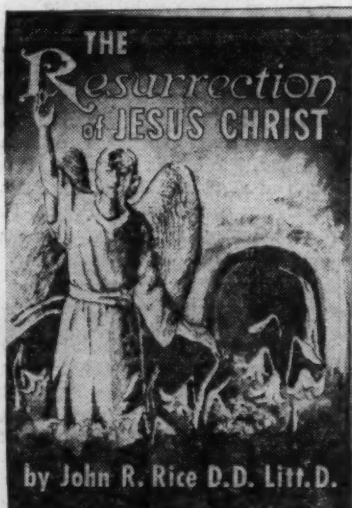
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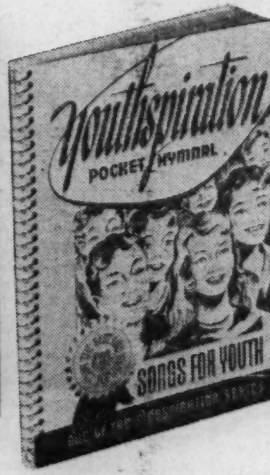
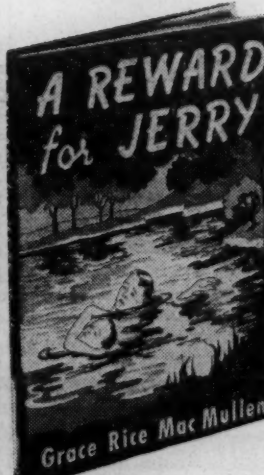
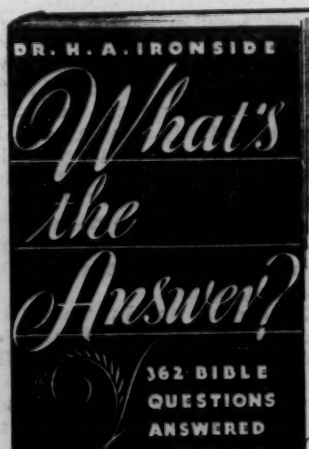
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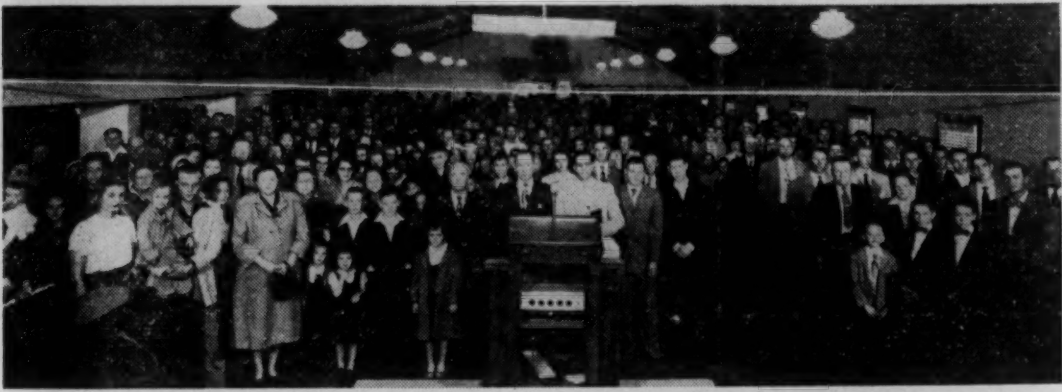
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This picture was taken during a revival campaign conducted by Sword evangelist, J. Oscar Wells, in the Tabernacle Baptist Church of Lubbock, Texas. According to the pastor, the auditorium and adjoining Sunday School rooms were packed (as in the above picture) again and again. The campaign resulted in 57 conversions and additions to the church, 68 rededications, and the beginning of 15 family altars. Rev. Ben D. Johnson is pastor.



A view of the crowd on last day of Dr. Bob Pierce's three weeks' revival campaign in Calcutta, India. The message in English was interpreted into the Hindi language. The campaign was sponsored by Calcutta Youth For Christ, with cooperation of many pastors and missionaries. There were 215 who made their first decision to follow Christ in heathen India. Many backsliders were restored; profound impression made on the city. Eight cooperating pastors and missionaries wrote good comments of heart-felt appreciation.

Christ's Resurrection

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even those for whom He came to make an atonement, He was nailed to Calvary's cross, lifted between the heavens and the earth. He died the death of a felon. Of His death there can be absolutely no question. He was taken down from the cross a dead man.

Paul goes on further to tell us that Jesus Christ was buried. The Gospels bear this out. He was buried in the new tomb of Joseph of Arimathea, somewhere not too far away from where the cross reared its gory height. A stone was rolled against the tomb. It was sealed by the great Roman might. A guard was placed in front of the tomb, a guard whose lives would answer for the safe-keeping of the entombed prisoner. There is no question about the

death and the burial in the mind of the Apostle Paul. He does not even try to prove them. He merely states these things as facts of acknowledged and accepted history.

On the third day the Lord Jesus Christ rose from the dead. He was, "declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead." The resurrection, as well as the crucifixion, was Paul's mightiest theme. He claimed justification by it. He appealed for sanctification through it. He besought those to whom he was preaching to recognize in this risen Jesus the promised Messiah. Again and again he appealed to prove his points. So, may I repeat: Paul the apostle's theology

in its entirety was based and grounded, as he himself said, on "how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; and that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures."

Proof of the Resurrection

In this wonderful fifteenth chapter, Paul the apostle goes on to adduce the proof. Step upon step, argument upon argument, witness upon witness, the blessed apostle piles up the truths as he knew them in an unanswerable ladder of argument that reaches from the earth to the heavens. May we analyze this mighty offensive defense, this mighty proclamation, of this master-minded preacher.

First, Paul tells us "that he was seen of Cephas." Jesus Christ was seen by the Apostle Peter. Paul knew Peter. He knew his stubbornness. He knew his matter-of-factness. He knew his practical nature. He knew that Peter could not easily be fooled. He knew that Peter had particular relationships, peculiar attitudes towards the Lord Jesus Christ. He knew that Peter would have wanted definite affirmation. Consequently, Paul declares that Jesus was seen of Peter after His resurrection.

Next he declares to us that the Lord Jesus Christ was seen of the twelve. It might have been possible to have misguided, to have misled Peter. Peter might have had some sort of an axe to grind. Peter might have used the vision of the Lord Jesus Christ to excuse himself for his own defalcation in denying Him prior to His crucifixion. Paul hastens on to tell us then that Jesus was seen of the twelve, probably meaning that He was seen by the twelve disciples, including the one whom they elected after the death of Judas Iscariot. Surely twelve people could not have agreed on an hallucination, let alone been misled by the same nightmare.

Paul goes on. In tremendous language he declares to us, "After that, he was seen of about five hundred brethren at once; of whom the greater part remain unto this present, but some are fallen asleep." Do you understand his meaning? Paul is anxious that the ages believe the truth that was revealed to him. Imagine over five hundred people, of all sorts of conditions and attitudes, claiming to have seen the Lord Jesus Christ at the same time, and telling a lie. It is utterly inconceivable, impossible that this

WITH THE Evangelists

REPORTS FROM AMERICA'S OUTSTANDING SOUL WINNERS

By the Editor

This is to report to you a fine meeting that we (EVANGELIST CHARLES E. BRAY) have just closed out in the Kinston, North Carolina, Salvation Army Corps where we saw well over 50 souls receive Christ as their Saviour. Due to the intense interest on the part of the community, we had to hold our final services in a nearby school auditorium in order to seat the crowds that attended. During our meeting we held a special protest rally against the new Bible and again the people filled the school building for that service. Truly the Lord blessed in great power.

(Signed)
Charles E. Bray
Evangelist

From Rev. Milton C. Milliner, Pastor, Gethsemane Methodist Church, Reliance, Delaware, comes a word of commendation: "...I would like to commend EVANGELIST LLOYD BARDOWELL who has just completed a revival of two weeks with us. There were about 20 who accepted Christ as Saviour and more than 20 who rededicated their lives to Him. Also at the jail, where we held a service, there were 22 who accepted Christ as Saviour. Evangelist Bardowell preaches in a forceful way and makes the way of salvation very clear..."—March 3, 1953.

EVANGELIST DICK DAY-RINGER AND JACK HYMER, JR., have announced that they will be holding one-week revival meetings this summer. God has blessed them with many souls in recent week end revivals. The team pianists are Mrs. Dick Dayringer and Mrs. Jack Hymer. Special music is provided by the Heavens quartet. For information, write: Dick Dayringer, Bolivar, Missouri.

EVANGELIST G. P. COMER recently completed a revival in the First Methodist Church, Wellington, Texas, where Rev. J. F. Michael is pastor. The pastor says that there were many who were converted and others who rededicated their lives to the Lord. During the last week of meetings, 115 business places closed daily for one hour for special meetings.

The First Evangelical Congregational Church, Leavittsburg, Ohio, was blessed through the ministry of EVANGELIST RALPH M. DAVIDSON of Coffeyville,

should be anything except the truth. Here are five hundred witnesses, of whom the most were living at the time of Paul, who claimed to have had physical vision of the Lord Jesus Christ after his death, burial and resurrection.

But Paul is still not contented. He asserts to us, "after that, he was seen of James." James was the Lord's brother. James had played with the Lord in His childhood. James knew Him physically perhaps better than all the rest of the apostles and the disciples put together. By what remotest stretch of the wildest imagination could one conceive that James, the blood brother of our Saviour, could have been misled into believing that this was his elder brother? Certainly nothing else can be more positive than the fact that James saw his brother in the flesh, after he had helped bury him in the tomb.

Paul reaches the height, the very height of his confidence when he proceeds, "...and last of all, he was seen of me also, as of one born out of due time." There it is. It was bound to come. Paul himself saw the Lord Jesus Christ in the flesh after Calvary. The others might have something hidden in their lives. The others might have some reason for telling an untruth. But what could have been Paul's reason, were this not an absolute fact? Paul did not want to believe this truth. It undermined all of the foundations of his life. It made him a murderer. It convicted him

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"20th Century Crusade—the Story of Youth for Christ" to be Published April 1

A new book on the Youth for Christ movement titled "20th Century Crusade—the Story of Youth for Christ," is being released on April 1 and is dedicated to three of its prime leaders—Robert A. Cook, Billy Graham and Torrey Johnson.

Written by Mel Larson, associate and news editor of the Youth for Christ Magazine, and a former Minneapolis newspaperman, the book graphically portrays the expansion of Youth for Christ from its inception in 1944 and 1945 into the 78 countries and colonies to which it has spread.

The book is being published by the Zondervan Publishing House of Grand Rapids, Michigan, and will be available in bookstores across America as well as at Youth for Christ rallies.

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Youth for Christ International, with headquarters in Chicago, serves as a clearing house for ideas and services to the local rallies and as the unifying point for the overseas efforts. Youth for Christ now has spread to 78 countries and colonies of the world, all this since 1945.

Sixty-seven of the 105 cities in America with populations of 100,000 or more have thriving Youth for Christ rallies; a survey released by executive director Ted Engstrom indicates.

The 22nd annual conference of the **GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF REGULAR BAPTIST CHURCHES** will be held May 11-14, 1953, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. All sessions will be held in "The Met" located at Broad and Poplar. The theme of the conference will be "Witnessing for Christ" and evening speakers will be Dr. R. T. Ketcham, National Representative; Dr. Carl M. Sweazy, Los Angeles, California; Dr. R. L. Powell, Tacoma, Wash-

ington, and Rev. E. A. Finkbinder, Cleveland, Ohio. For further details as to reservations and program write the Chicago office, 431 S. Dearborn, Suite 1205, Chicago 5, Illinois.

MORE DIVORCES THAN MARRIAGES

PORTLAND, Oregon (E/P)—Divorce cases filed in Portland during 1952 exceeded the number of marriage licenses issued, it was shown in figures compiled by County Clerk Si Cohn's office. Divorce complaints totaled 3250, as compared with 3181 marriage licenses. This was an unusual situation, especially in that leap year failed to live up to its tradition by recording a decrease of 86 licenses under the 1951 total of 3267. Filings of divorce complaints in 1951 total 3252—just two more than the 1952 total. All cases filed during the year, including equity, divorce, criminal, and law, numbered 7352, as compared with 6579 in 1952.

MISSIONARY TRAVEL AGENCY

A Christian center to benefit missionaries was recently opened by Rev. and Mrs. Elmer C. Wagner, Box 944, Airport P. O., Miami 48, Florida. Since there are more departures overseas from Miami than from any other U. S. airport, such a travel center meets a pressing need. Accommodations and travel assistance are offered missionaries at a nominal cost. A purchasing service for missionaries in Latin America is another phase of the new work which carries the name, "Serving Missions Overseas."

ACCORDING TO "Our Hope" magazine, Psychiana is dead. Frank Robinson, the drugstore clerk of Moscow, Idaho, who founded the cult, died in 1948. His wife and son tried to carry on the work, but without the leadership of "Doctor" Robinson interest in the mail-order religion lagged. The Robinsons announced in De-

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as the sinner that he was. It was to his definite personal advantage to prove that the resurrection was not a fact. He could not go against what he had seen and what he knew. He had met Jesus Christ face to face on the road to Damascus. He had heard His blessed words. He had heard His appeal. It had turned him completely about face.

There, then, you have the mighty proofs introduced by the mightiest Christian who ever lived. They are beyond disputation. They are beyond answer or argument. It is inconceivably impossible to believe that they were based on anything except the burning-hearted assurance of a man to tell the truth as he knew it. Together with myself, I have no hesitation about asking you to stake all your faith, all your confidence on these words of the Apostle Paul. But, we hasten on to the last word, the promise, the power that comes to us from the fact of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Promise, the Power of the Resurrection

Here Paul proposes two thoughts. First, there is a negative thought. Second, there is a positive thought.

May we take the negative thought first. "If Christ be not risen," what follows then? First, our preaching is vain. We are preaching fables. We are proclaiming untruths. We are propounding lies. We are misleading a world already misled far enough by sin, by self, by Satan.

Your faith is vain. Our faith is

vain. There is no hope for us. There is no foundation on which we stand. The Bible is not the Word of God. Jesus Christ is not the Son of God. All that we have believed up till now is quagmire, sinking sand, unstable water, words written on the air.

"We are found false witnesses of God." We preachers are liars. You Sunday School teachers are as bad as we are. John Wesley, Martin Luther, D. L. Moody, Billy Sunday, Gypsy Smith, Charles G. Finney, Charles Haddon Spurgeon, Harry Ironside, Bob Shuler, Louis Talbot, every other preacher of the Gospel is a scoundrel, a liar, a thief. The money you have invested in proclaiming the truth of the Gospel is wasted. Missions are an abomination. Missionaries are as dishonest as the day is long.

"Ye are yet in your sins." There is no pardon. There is no balm in Gilead. There is no justification. There is no forgiveness with God. There is no blood atonement, of redemption. There is no remission. Faith is unavailing. Repentance meets with an answerless Heaven.

"We are of all men most mis-

erable." It were better for us, better for you, better for all of us, that we had never been born. Life is a mockery. The trials, the travail, the trouble, the tears that beset us on every hand are useless. This whole thing is a horrible joke. If there is a God, then He is a tyrant of the awfullest hue. All this is true if Christ were not raised from the grave!

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anywhere the Lord wouldn't have you to invest it. The Lord may not lead you to send money here. He may lead you to put your money somewhere else, but He may want you to send some money here for the Student Loan Endowment and Missionary Fund. Let's see if you are willing to leave it to the Lord's leading. He will lead you if you will ask Him in faith.

Oh, yes, there is another thing I want you to do while your heads are bowed. I want you to ask God to bless Bob Jones University spiritually. Ask Him to keep all of us true and faithful. Pray that this school may never surrender its orthodox Gospel emphasis or lower its spiritual and discipline standards in any particular until Jesus comes again. I know He wants you to pray for us. I can prove that out of the Bible. We are to pray one for another. Now, if He does not lead you to send any money, I know He will lead you to pray for us; so I haven't any hesitancy about putting pressure on his praying business. But be sure to ask the Lord if He wants you to send any money; and if He leads you to send some, let us hear from you; and if He does not lead you to send any, we would like to have you write us and tell us that you did pray for us as we requested. We are expecting to hear from a great many of you. Thank you and God bless you.

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stration that Paul knew whereof he spoke.

"But now is Christ risen from the dead." The proofs are too many to permit of doubt. It were easier for the critics to argue the sun out of existence, to argue the continents out of place, to deny the existence of a Caesar, of a Napoleon, of a George Washington, of a Franklin Roosevelt, as to deny the fact that Joseph's tomb is forever empty.

The Lord Jesus Christ has "become the firstfruits of them that slept." He is the foretaste of the harvest. He is the first drop of the mighty showers of resurrection blessings. He is the forerunner of those whose bodies shall be raised from the sleep of death. He is the earnest of the fact that there is to be a resurrection.

"By man came also the resurrection of the dead." Christ is the assurance, His open tomb the guarantee that there is to be a resurrection of the dead. According to the Lord Jesus Christ, there are to be two resurrections, that of the just unto eternal life and finished salvation, that of the unjust unto eternal cursing and everlasting damnation. It is only through the Lord Jesus Christ that death is conquered. It is only through the Lord Jesus Christ that we may have part in the first resurrection.

"In Christ shall all be made alive...at his coming." Oh, the joy of the assured power promised to us, that even our bodies, although they may have moldered away into the dust, will not be forever contained by the grave. Someday, in God's own good time, in God's own good pleasure, our bodies, reunited to our souls, will reign and rejoice with the Lord forever.

"Then cometh the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power." Dictators are marshalling their force arrays across the earth. Emperors come and go. Kingdoms rise and fall. Mighty republics spring into being. Invading hordes of enemies assail their unprotected neighbors. Imperialism holds its terrible sway. But another day is coming, sooner than many of us think. When the Lord Jesus Christ comes to assert His mighty authority over the nations and the generations of men, He will put down all Godless rule, all Christless might. He will deliver up the kingdoms of the earth to become the Kingdom of God, the Empire of God. He shall reign as the supreme dictator over the affairs and activities of mankind. It is His right. It has been vested in Him. Regardless of the attitudes, of the denials, of the ambitions, of the attacks of the Antichrist, of the pseudo Antichrists that have risen, that may yet rise, it is Christ's inalienable right to sit upon the throne of His Father David, to administer justice and judgment over all the earth.

"For he must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet." Our hearts are aching and breaking within us at the onslaught of the enemies of Christ on the cross. They are becoming bolder and bolder with every passing day. They are taking over our radios,

our governments, our educational institutions, our religious activities, our Christian schools, so-called, too dreadfully many of our churches. By word, by action, by law, by criticism, by ridicule, they seek to deny the throne rights of the Son of God. But there is another day coming, when the Son of Man "hath put all enemies under his feet." We shall then see that these modernists, these rebels, these atheists, these infidels, these who subvert and pervert the truth for their own personal gains will feel the wrathful hand of Him who is the judge of the living and the dead.

"The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death." What a testimony! What a triumph! What a crowning conclusion! What a joy to know that we shall share this victory with Him! Death is the enemy of God. Death is the enemy of man. Death is the bitterest enemy of both God and man. Since Adam and Eve were driven out of the Garden of Eden, death has held undisputed sway over the children of men. It has not spared anyone. The young, the old, the rich, the poor, the good, the bad, the Christians, the unsaved—all have fallen beneath his scythe. Homes have been broken, lives have been shattered, loves have been torn apart, when the grim spectre has invaded the scanties that should have been spared by him. There seems to be no escape from him. There is no escape from him in this day and time. For so long as the Lord Jesus Christ tarrys, death shall continue its rule over the destinies of men. But when Christ comes again, this will put an end to the awful ministry of the black hued angel of death. Just as he could not hold the Son of God in his bony hands, even so will he not be able to hold us—the believing children of God—in the prison house of the grave. There shall be no more death. Life and immortality shall be brought to full light and fruition through the conquests of Him who conquered death by His death, burial and resurrection in the long ago.

What more is there for me to say? It seems impertinent for me to go any further. Here is the revealed Word of God. Here are the inspired utterances of the mighty apostle. Here are the verities of the faith. Here are the truths that the ages have not been able to disprove. Here is the mighty foundation for our faith and confidence in the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. But one blazing, burning word rises to my soul to pass on to you.

Sunday we shall be celebrating Easter again. It is in many ways the greatest holiday of the Christian year. What are we going to do with it? Are we going to show off our finery, as so many do? Are we going to go to church, to the once-a-year crowded churches to admire and to be admired? Are we going to make it a day of play and pleasure? Surely, those of us who believe these truths, those of us who are being immersed in them by our faith, as the Holy Spirit has written them across our souls, are going to behave differently. We are going to make this Easter day, this Easter season, a time of soul-searching. We are going to remember again the price,

The Church and Its Workers

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The world has seen its opportunity. Businessmen used to get along without drummers (commercial travellers), but now they are as thick as bumblebees. Once I was spending the night in the mountains. After supper a man came to the home where I was being entertained and asked permission to come in and spend the night. The kind old farmer took him in. Soon we found out what he was, and that his business was selling molasses. Before he left next morning he sold that farmer enough molasses to last him through the whole season. There were thirteen children in his home, and that meant a good deal of molasses. The drummer went from house to house until he sold to scores of farmers. Shortly after this the local dealer said to me:

"Can you tell me what has come over this district?"

"Why?" I asked.

"Oh," said he, "it seems to me that the whole place has turned to molasses. Just look! Every freight car is loaded with it. I have handled molasses until the bees follow me about!" There had been some good personal work done in the district, that was all!

The politicians do the same thing. A few years ago there was a statement made that every doubtful voter in the United States had been seen about his vote for the presidency. Just so. But we have been waging a campaign for Jesus two thousand years, and there are millions who have never heard of His saving power. Our neighbors and friends, our own families perhaps, are unsaved; and yet we have never made an honest effort to save them.

It is an easy thing to lead souls to Christ when we once make up our minds to get at it. I have some great soul winners in my church who are not worth much at anything else. They need to be encouraged. Such workers need to feel the pleasure of the work. They are gifted in a very important, indeed the most important, purpose of the church.

In one of our meetings in New York there was a woman who had never had much experience in church work. She got fired with the possibility of soul winning, and she went at it. She invited an unsaved lady friend to spend the night with her. The same night that girl accepted Christ. This was repeated with others for seven nights, and seven young ladies were led to Jesus by her in a week. Any Christian can do this. It is not necessary to wait for the protracted meeting. Do it yourself, and do it now. Get some unsaved soul alone, and go right to work. Get them to yield to Christ. Then follow them up until a public confession is made. There are hundreds led to Christ this way by our church workers every year.

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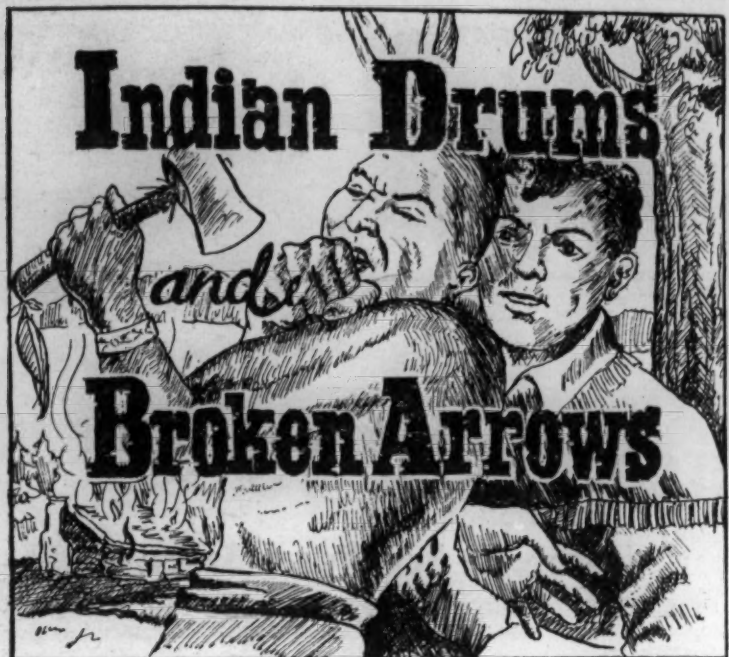
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THE STORY UP TO DATE: Jeff Lockwood is staying with the Watsons, a missionary family, in New York State, in the Revolutionary War, while on his way west to search for his father. Last week, while Mr. Watson returned to Killpox stockade to get the family, Jeff had the place to himself. He enjoyed working about the cabin, reading his Bible, and exploring. He found a cave which tunnels back directly under the cabin. Figuring it will make a good place of refuge from an Indian attack, he digs down through the floor and makes a passageway, disguising the entrance with a large, flat rock.

Chapter 10

"Look, A Bear"

When Jeff saw the canvas wagon roll into view he suddenly realized how lonely he had been since Mr. Watson left. With a rush of love for the missionary family, he ran toward them, waving his hands in enthusiastic greeting. He took Pam from Mrs. Watson. She gurgled contentedly when Jeff poked a grimy finger into her plump little middle, "Seems like she almost remembers me," he grinned.

Mrs. Watson and Maud stared at their new wilderness home. Mr. Watson waited to one side, watching the expression on their faces. It was Maud who burst out, "Why, Daddy, it's wonderful! It's the prettiest place I ever saw. And the garden! Look, the seeds are up already. And the cabin, why it's just wonderful! Oh, I'm going to love it here."

Mrs. Watson added softly, "It is lovely. I feel at home already."

"I'm glad you both like it. How about that, Jeff?"

"I'm sure glad they do, and I guess Pam here thinks it's a pretty nice place. See her smiling?"

"Say, Jeff, take a look behind the wagon. There's a present there for the family." Jeff puzzled for a moment, but when he stepped to one side he caught view of a soft-eyed brown cow.

"Wow, isn't she a beauty!"

a big room-like vault, and another tunnel slants upward to another room halfway up the cliff. I found it when I saw a small cave opening up there." Jeff pointed to the spot and the family peered upwards.

"I can't see a thing that looks like a cave up there," Maud said, poking her head out the doorway.

"You can't from here, that's the best part of it. If raiders should swoop from the forest we could hide in the cave, cover the opening here in the cabin with this flat rock and see what was going on from up there without anyone knowing about it."

"Say," Mr. Watson exclaimed, "that's the best thing I ever heard of. But how did you dig through the rock?"

"It's soft sandstone, I think, and it wasn't as tough as you might



The baby gurgled and cooed in awe as the big bear watched her crawl towards him.

"She's more than that. She means fresh milk, butter and cheese, not to mention the calf she'll present us with in the fall."

"Jeff, Carl said to tell you he would be out in a few days for a visit."

"Did he mention any word of my father?"

"Only to say there was no news of him."

"Oh!" Jeff's voice revealed his discouragement.

Mr. Watson reminded, "Jeff, remember the eagle wings?"

Jeff forced a smile and turned his attention to the oxen and the new cow, while Mr. Watson led the family to the cabin. Suddenly Jeff remembered the cave, so he released the animals in the deep grass along the brook and ran to the cabin.

"Mr. Watson, I have a surprise for you. Look!" Jeff slid the flat stone he used to cover the hole in the ground, "This leads down to

expect. I finished it in one day." Armed with torches, Jeff led the way down the ladder.

Mr. Watson was entranced. "Jeff, this is the most wonderful thing I could imagine. Why, this place is dry enough for us to store our crops, and if a raid did come we could spend weeks in here without anyone knowing it."

Later, on a warm, windless day—the same day Jeff and Maud worked hoeing corn in their bare feet—Carl drifted in from Killpox.

"Hi there, farmers!" he hailed.

"Hello, Carl."

"Say, it looks dangerous around here. I do believe there's bears nearby."

Something in Carl's smile warned Jeff, but Maud innocently asked, "What makes you think so, Carl?"

"Well, young lady, look at all those bare tracks in that earth you and Jeff just hoed." Carl

pointed to their footprints.

"Ohhh!" Maud groaned, but joined in the laughter.

"I'm sure glad to see you, Carl," Jeff said.

"I'm glad to see you, Jeff, but I can't stay as I first planned. Right this minute I'm on a mission to Oneida Lake to check the movements of an Indian village out there. Captain Snow wants an estimate on the number of warriors. Some talk is floating around about sending a force of militia up to try and scare them from that district."

Carl stayed only long enough to speak to the missionary and his wife. Then with a wave he strode into the woods. "Wow, I wish I were like him," Jeff breathed.

"He sure is wonderful, so tall and strong and yet so graceful as he walks," Maud added as they returned to hoeing.

When the corn was finished Jeff helped Mr. Watson fit the precious glass windows, a luxury few of the settlers enjoyed in that area. Most of the people used greased paper or deerskin, scraped thin, to allow a little gloomy light into the cabins. "Now," Mr. Watson said, "if raiders do come we have these frames fixed so they can be removed within a few minutes notice. I surely hope we won't see that day come, however."

The door, made of sturdy oak planks, was hung, and the cabin looked snug and tight from the inside. Three rooms were made, one tiny room for Maud, and another much larger for Mr. and Mrs. Watson and the baby, while the third served as kitchen and dining room. Mr. Watson wanted Jeff to rig a bunk in this room, but he refused.

"After all, Mr. Watson, the cave is dry as a bone and I can easily sleep there." And sleep, there he did, on a small cot and a mattress he made of sweet scented pine needles from the nearby woods. Even on hot nights he found the cool cave most comfortable.

A few weeks later Mr. Watson announced, "Jeff, I'm putting you in charge of my family while I go into Killpox to preach tomorrow."

"Sure," Jeff laughed, "but I reckon there'll be little to do. After all, no word of raiders has come to us for 'most a month."

After Mr. Watson hit the trail, Jeff suggested, "Maud, yesterday I saw a patch of wild blackcaps upstream away. Let's go pick some. They're sweet as honey."

"Good, and I'll take Pam along to get some of this glorious sunshine."

"Be careful," warned Mrs. Watson. "Maud, you keep a watchful eye on Pam. You know how she likes to crawl."

"I will," Maud promised as they left. Jeff carried birch bark containers for the berries and also the musket Mr. Stiles had given him.

"Why the musket, Jeff?"

"Well, like Carl Ives said one time, 'If you go without being prepared there's always a chance you won't get back.' So this goes along just in case."

The patch was but a short quarter of a mile away from the cabin and the berries were as plentiful as scales on a fish, so before long they had two of the four containers brim full. "Mother will probably want to make jam for next winter," Maud said, dropping a handful in one of the empty pails.

Pam played on a sunny ridge among a few dwarfed cedar trees. Both Jeff and Maud glanced her way every few moments. "If my mother, father and sister were out here with us, I'd think this was about the most perfect place in all the world," Jeff told Maud.

A guttural snort from the knoll made both of them glance in that direction. Maud screamed in terror, "Jeff, look! A bear!" A ponderous black animal shuffled from behind a bush into full view, not more than ten feet from the baby.

At Maud's cry of alarm the bear swung to his hind feet and stared at them. Desperately Jeff looked to where the gun stood against a tree trunk twenty feet to his right. The bear grunted and tossed to all fours, sniffing toward Pam who showed an exasperating interest in the dangerous visitor. She gurgled and cooed in awe as the big bear watched her crawl towards him. Jeff ceased

his way toward the gun.

The bear, apparently bewildered by the pink cub that showed no fear, grunted and backed off as the baby crawled closer. Jeff dashed for the gun. He reached out for the barrel, but his trembling hand knocked it down. The bear heard the sound and reared again with a menacing growl. Immediately the huge beast dropped to its feet and looped toward Jeff with amazing swiftness. He grabbed the musket and hurriedly aimed. "One shot, and only one," the words were spoken aloud. The bear swung onward, now but fifteen feet away. Jeff's trigger finger pressed tight and a deafening roar crashed through the woods. The bear bellowed, stopped, and lifted a huge padded forepaw in an attempt to wipe away the strange sting that hit his eye. Still growling, and snorting the injured animal lumbered off a few feet and crumbled to the earth. Jeff, in the meantime, jammed another shot home, aimed and put the bear out of its misery.

Maud had caught up Pam, and still clinging to her cried out, "Oh, whatever would have happened if you had missed!"

"Worse than that. What would have happened if this old musket were back in the cabin? Wow, I shudder to think of it."

Pam wiggled to get down and when she touched the ground she crawled over and buried her head in the soft fur. "Just think, she doesn't know the danger she was in."

Jeff mopped his wet brow. "Well, I made up for her lack of knowledge, I can tell you!"

The berry picking venture ended abruptly. They returned to the cabin. Afterwards, Jeff and Maud

skinned the bear and cut all the meat they could use for the table. Three days later they passed that way and found nothing but a pile of bones. The foxes, skunks and birds had also enjoyed the bear meat feast.

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The Church and Its Workers

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need is to be made to feel that they can do something for Jesus. They do not realize they can do anything. They are never put on important committees and the like. They feel as if all they are fit for is to hold down a seat and now and then complain that the pastor takes less notice of them than he ought! They feel themselves to be church wedgwood, and that is about all. It is a sad feeling.

The church that is awake will find something for these people to do, if it is only playing sexton for the mission. They do not mind work; they like it. Give them a job and try them, and you will soon see some fine workers created.

There was a man in our church who was not fit for anything in the church. He was a good fellow, but, like many others, he was good for nothing. One day my assistant, who is a genius at such things, gave him a job of placing the envelopes in the pew-racks every Sunday morning. Never a deacon was fonder of his position. Every Sunday his work was done. It made a new man out of him. Soon he could be counted on for anything. He had it in him all the time, but needed a chance to bring it out.

Another case that comes to me is that of a woman who was hardly known in the church. One day I saw her, and it occurred to me that perhaps there was some way to interest her, so I said: "Won't you get together a few sisters and have the church windows cleaned?" It was not the windows that I cared about, but I wanted her to feel that she was not overlooked in the work of the church. It worked like a charm. She became one of the very best workers in the church; she is ready for anything. If there is a sinner to be visited, or some work to be done, she can always be counted on.

The point I insist upon is that the soul-winning church must use its membership. Do not wait for so-called training. The best training for soul winning is to do it.

I once asked a man in an after-meeting to speak to somebody. He obeyed at once. He took his Bible and went directly to a young lawyer, and dropped down beside him, saying: "Don't you want to go to Heaven?"

"Well," said the lawyer, "I don't know that I do."

"Very well," said the man, "go to Hell then!" and he rose and came back to his seat. The lawyer got mad and left the house. The next day he began thinking about it, and said to himself: "That poor ignorant man was doing the best he knew. That is more than I am doing!" The result was, it led him to Christ, and he is now an active Christian. This, no doubt, is an extreme case; but it does not require brains to lead souls to Christ. That ought to be good news to us preachers! The Holy Ghost wants a ready worker. He will supply what we lack, provided we are honest with Him in every matter.

Create Opportunities

There is no reason why any church of average strength should not have from a dozen to a hundred soul winners. Develop them by finding them work to do in missions, cottage meetings, open air, jails, prisons, etc. It takes very little money to equip a quiet mission so that it can do great work of this kind. A small organ, a few hymnbooks, a few seats, a house or a room in a neglected community—this will be a good start. The average city church ought to have from one to a dozen of these places where a Sunday School is held, and now and then a meeting of several nights in succession. This is our plan, and God has most graciously blessed its adoption.

If the church is in the country the same thing is true. Get the members out into the regions around. Occupy school houses. Get tents and move them from place to place. There is nothing that succeeds like a thoroughly working church, when soul winning is the chief aim.

It will never do to depend upon

The Renaissance of the Soul

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concluded that this was a very intelligent man. Had you looked at his garments and his surroundings, you would have noted that he was a wealthy man. And had you looked even closer, you could have seen that he was a religious man who wore the garb of the Sanhedrin, and you would not have missed the fact that he had a look of perplexity and anxiety upon his face. He was troubled about some problem.

While you were watching him, he would have arisen, stepped to the edge of his roof garden, descended an outdoor staircase, passed through the patio and small garden to a door in the outer wall. Deliberately opening that door, he looked to the right and the left in the darkness and saw no one. Then he slipped out into the narrow oriental street, closed the door behind him and made his way through the city until he came to another wall in another gate in a more humble section. Here he opened the door, walked through a small patio and came to a house. He knocked upon the door, saw the light from an oriental lamp flood his pathway as the door was opened. He was invited in and was soon seated. He opened the conversation with these words: "Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him."

He received the response: "Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."

The man tried again, saying: "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born?"

The answer came: "Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again. The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit."

Perplexed, the man answered: "How can these things be?"

The teacher responded: "Art thou a master in Israel, and knowest not these things? Verily, verily, I say unto thee, We speak that we do know, and testify that we have seen; and ye receive not our witness. If I have told you earthly things, and ye believe not, how shall ye believe, if I tell you of heavenly things? And no man hath ascended up to heaven, but

he that came down from heaven, even the Son of man which is in heaven. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life. For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

Let me point out to you that this man first tried to approach his teacher on the psychological basis. He said: Rabbi, we know. Many are the people who wish to come to the great teacher on the ground of their knowledge of psychology or philosophy, but in a moment's time Jesus cut across all this teaching by saying: Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. Then the man tried a second approach, namely, the physiological one talking about how a man could be born again physically. Many people want to approach this problem as he did. They have trouble with the virgin birth, they have trouble with the supernatural, they have trouble with the possibility of a character being totally changed. But instead of arguing, Jesus again answered: "Ye must be born again."

Then the man shifted his ground for the third time. This time he asked: "How can these things be?" He wanted to enter the realm of being in his discussion. This is what we call metaphysics. Today he has many followers who would doubt the metaphysical possibility of a new birth and who even might go so far as to doubt whether there is any metaphysics whatsoever. But again he received the response: "Ye must be born again." Three times in these few verses Jesus told this educated, cultured, wealthy, religious man that he must be born again. I surmise that if you approached this teacher Jesus, He would rule out all your questions and would say to you: "Ye must be born again."

This doctrine is greatly neglected in our day. It is taking its relationship with the doctrine of the second coming and is wholly neglected. In many churches, people are brought into membership with no knowledge of the fact or the meaning of the new birth which Jesus said was so essential. Instead we have had an emphasis upon religious education, and moral influence, and positive thinking. We may rejoice, however, that in our day through the new evangelistic movement the

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the crowd. There has been a time when this could be done with more success than now. Large evangelistic meetings and the like will bring together the crowds, and great good will result in the way of conviction of sin and purifying the atmosphere; but if the individual element is ignored, there will be little permanent good in the way of bringing sinners into the full possession of salvation.

Large meetings should be encouraged. Some men have special gifts in the way of swaying a great crowd. They may not have much gift in the way of individual work. Such men are great blessings to the church. They should not be shunned, but encouraged. What we want is to realize that such meetings need to be accompanied by the personal element. Put into such a meeting, and with such a preacher, scores of personal workers. Have special meetings for such as are touched in the general meetings, and great harvesting will result.

We are never to forget that conviction is not conversion, and conversion in itself is not salvation. There must be a complete surrender to and confession of Jesus Christ. Here is where the personal worker can do his best work. By his timely word or sympathetic interest he often leads the soul over the line into salvation.

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doctrine of regeneration is being rescued from oblivion. Once again we are hearing preached in great movements and to great masses of people the truth, "Ye must be born again."

The cause of the neglect of the new birth is very clear. In order to be born again a man must humble himself, he must confess his sin or else he has no part with God. This is hard for the natural man.

Moreover, it is not in accord with man-made theories. The materialist has no place for a supernatural regeneration of human character or nature. The evolutionist has no place for such a truth because he believes culture and education will gradually produce the perfect man. Modern thinking concerning the brotherhood of man would place us all in the same category as the sons of God and, therefore, has no need for the doctrine of the new birth. There is a sense in which we are all brothers through the creative power of God and through the position we hold to Him through the creation, but we are not spiritual brothers until we are born again.

The neglect of the new birth is a masterpiece of the Devil because if men were born of God, they would cease from their sinning, they would be children of the kingdom, they would be on their way to Heaven. So Satan does his best to prevent the teaching of this doctrine.

The result of neglect is that there are multitudes who are ignorant of its necessity, who have never heard its language, and who have not been born again. Thus, there is a poverty of conversions in the life of the church, there is a scarcity of holy life among nominal Christians, and there is a failure to have revivals in the churches themselves. Materialism has swept the world. Financial success has been substituted for spiritual life. We are failing to minister to the basic spiritual needs of men. Even in religious and humanitarian work, people are experiencing a frustration. Simultaneously, the world is hungering for God. They are tired of plans, and programs and panaceas. They want God. There is only one way to get God. That is to be born of God. Perhaps you have experienced this new birth without the Biblical terminology, but without the new birth, you cannot enter the kingdom of God.

I. The Messenger of the New Birth

On my authority as a teacher, or an evangelist, or as an educated man, I could not say to you that except you be born again, you cannot enter the kingdom of God, but there is one who has said it who has authority; namely, the Lord Jesus Christ. Now think who it was that said that.

Some would tell us that He is a teacher. They would give Him a place among the great teachers of the ages. They would be willing to make a bust of Him and have it sit on the shelf with busts of Plato, of Aristotle, of Plotinus, of Spinoza, of Descartes, of Locke, of Hume, of Berkeley, of Kant, of Hegel, of Whitehead, of Royce, of James. They would even be glad to enumerate Him with Thoreau, with Emerson, with Longfellow, with Holmes, with Whittier, with the great men of literature in the days of the flowering of New England. They are glad to accept Him as a teacher, but they do not want to take Him as the Son of God. Why is it then that if they accept Him as a teacher, they do not accept the things which He taught?

There are other men who would be willing to take Him as a prophet. They declared that He belongs with Gautama Buddha, with Confucius, with Zoroaster, with Mohammed, with Moses as one of the great religious prophets of the ages, but they are not willing to take Him as the Son of God.

There are others who are willing to take Jesus as a moral example. They tell us that He lived the best life that any human being ever lived and that if we will

follow His example, we may come to God as He came to God, and thus that we may know God as He did, but they are not willing to take Him as the Son of God in a unique sense. They do not understand that if they are going to follow His example and He was sinless, then they too will have to deal with the problem of sin before they can follow Him as an example.

We do not teach Him or present Him as a teacher, a prophet or an example, but we present Him as the final authority of Christianity—as the Son of God. We declare that He is the one who said: "In that day I will say unto you . . .", and He will determine their destiny at the judgment. He is the one who said: "Moses said unto you . . . but I say unto you . . .", and He contrasted His authority with that of Moses. He was one who said unto the woman at the well when she declared, "I know that Messias cometh," "I am He." He said to the man born blind whose eyesight He restored: "Dost thou believe on the Son of God?" And when the man said: "Who is He?", He declared: "I am He." Before the Sanhedrin who said: "Art thou the Son of God?", He responded: "Thou sayest," namely, that is right. He was the one who accepted worship from men as if He were God. He was the one who was obeyed by demons, by elements and by death. This is the one who said to you: "Ye must be born again."

The alternatives are plain. Either He was divine or He was demented. He was Lord or He was lunatic. He was Son of God or He was senseless. There is no halfway house in dealing with Jesus. You either accept Jesus as He presented Himself as the Son of God or you can have nothing to do with Him.

We hear much about Superman in these days, and no doubt this is something of a crass substitute for the superhuman nature of the Lord Jesus Christ whose life was surrounded with miracles. That He performed miracles, we cannot doubt, but is this the cause of your belief in Him? The answer should be "No" and "Yes." He said: "Believe me for the very works' sake" and these miracles added to the evidence of His deity and His authority. On the other hand, we find that we are able to believe in the miracles of Christ because they fit into the personality of Christ. Were it not for His unique personality, it would be very difficult for us to believe in these miracles. His personality warranted the miracles, for He was the God-man, the sinless man, the perfect man, the man who rose from the dead.

Consider some of those miracles. There was the turning of water into wine at the Cana marriage feast. Now you do not know the name of the governor, you do not know who was there except for Mary, the disciples of Jesus and Jesus, but the important thing was that Jesus was there, and because He was there, water was turned into wine. It was because

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The Renaissance of the Soul

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Jesus said unto Lazarus: "Come forth" that he was raised from the dead. It was because the woman with the issue of blood touched the hem of His garment that she was healed, and it was because Jesus said: "I will" to the centurion concerning his servant that he was healed.

The miracles connected with Jesus involve His birth, His life, His death and His resurrection. One may talk in the terms of the crass imaginary person called "Superman," but if ever there was one who was Superman, who came from Heaven and will return from Heaven, it was the Lord Jesus.

He was the Saviour who carried His purpose through to Calvary. He backed up His teachings with His life. On one occasion He said: "Which one of you convinceth me of sin?" The Jews could not convince Him of sin, Pilate testified that He was an innocent man, the centurion declared that surely this was the Son of God. His life was a perfect life. He yielded a passive and an active obedience to the will of God. In the Book of Hebrews, we have the depiction of His statement when He came into the world saying: "Lo, I come to do thy will, O God . . . in the volume of the book it is written of me." He perfectly obeyed the will and law of God and then He took the penalty of the broken law in His own body in death.

The Saviour identified Himself with our sins. When He became a man, He took upon Him not the nature of angels, but the nature of humanity, of the sons of Abraham. His incarnation was a real incarnation. He identified Himself with us in our sinful status by His baptism at the hands of John the Baptist, and He assumed the guilt of our sins in His suffering upon the cross. He bore our sins in His body on the tree, becoming sin for us.

Thus He sealed His teachings with His death. That was the last step in His humiliation. He was obedient even unto death, and that death did not come to Him through the thrust of the spears nor through the driving of the nails. It came through His forsakenness on the cross which eventuated in His broken heart. He, then, who is the Son of God, who is the miracle-man, who is the Saviour, who died on the cross for our sins, is the one who says unto you: "Ye must be born again."

II. The Message of the New Birth

What are the church views of this doctrine of the new birth? The Methodist Church unqualifiedly teaches that a man must be born again. About a quarter of a century ago, Bishop Francis McConnell wrote a little book entitled, *The Four Essentials of Methodism*. In it he mentions conversion as one of the four essen-

tials of Methodism. I, myself, owe a great debt to this evangelistic teaching of Methodism, for it was through that emphasis that I was brought to a confession of my sins and to a faith in Jesus Christ. Once Methodism had a glorious experiential emphasis in its preaching. Today that emphasis is not so definite, but the historic church declared that children need to be born of God.

The Presbyterians state their belief in this in their Westminster Catechism which defines justification as "An act of God's free grace, wherein he pardoneth all our sins, and accepteth us as righteous in His sight, only for the righteousness of Christ imputed to us, and received by faith alone." It defines adoption as "An act of God's free grace, whereby we are received into the number, and have a right to all the privileges, of the sons of God." And it defines effectual calling as "The work of God's Spirit, whereby, convincing us of our sin and misery, enlightening our minds in the knowledge of Christ, and renewing our wills, he doth persuade and enable us to embrace Jesus Christ, freely offered to us in the gospel." In this the Congregationalists have followed the Presbyterians and the Reformed bodies are very similar.

Other churches also state the necessity of this in their creeds. It may be that some modern branches of these denominations have departed from their basic teaching or have explained it away, but all evangelical denominations are in accord with the teaching that a man must be born again.

What is the theological meaning of this? How are we born again? The new birth is a mystery the same as our physical birth is. We know all the laws that govern our physical birth, but when we hold a little child in our arms, we know that it has not been our knowledge of the laws which brought this life to pass, but that there is a mystery behind it for the life has come from God.

In the Harvard Museum, there is the Ware collection of glass flowers which were made by a man named Blaschka. The process of making those flowers is now lost, but they are the most perfect glass flowers ever made.

In one section, there is a depiction of the fertilization of a flower by a bee carrying the pollen. The whole activity is blown up to heroic size so that one can see it very clearly. I used to wonder what the little hairbrush on the back of a bee was for. You have observed the bee as it goes into the heart of a flower, but not to one flower only and then back to the comb, but to many flowers before it goes back to the comb. As it pushes down into the heart of a flower, it displaces the stamens and a little pollen falls off on its back. Then it goes to another flower, and another, and another, and in the process some of that pollen falls off its back onto the pistil which is then the receptacle of life which grows down in and fertilizes the ovary. Soon the petals and the sepals fall, the flower disintegrates and the seed is left. In that seed there is life. If you plant it, the flower will grow again. What a mystery!

We know these laws. So we know them in the spiritual birth. We know the conditions which the Lord Jesus and the New Testament have laid down for our spiritual birth. They consist of repentance or a change of mind, of conversion or turning unto the Lord Jesus Christ and away from sin, of confession or the admission that we are sinners under the condemnation of God and that Christ is the Saviour, and of commitment or trust in Christ as the Saviour so that our destiny rests upon Him. According to the Bible, if we will so repent, convert and believe, we shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

What takes place then at the new birth? Primarily, an individual is forgiven of the guilt of his sin which has been imputed to the Lord Jesus Christ in the atonement. He is justified in the sight of God because he has be-

lieved on the Lord Jesus Christ, and he is accepted as righteous in God's sight. A man is pardoned of his sins because of what Jesus Christ has done for him. God was in Christ reconciling the world unto Himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them. As a result, a new creation occurs in which the repentant, believing man is a new creature in Christ Jesus, old things pass away, and all things become new.

Who is the agent in this new birth? It is the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit really performs the process of regeneration. A friend of mine told me concerning a car which he has used for much travel in his business: "I went to get a spark adjusted and I came back with a new engine." That is exactly what happens to us. What we need is not a new inspiration, or new resolutions, or a new idea, but it is a new heart, a new nature. It is the Holy Spirit who convicts us, converts us and who regenerates us. Peter said: "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost."

The Bible has much to say about this doctrine of the new birth. This very text is interesting when it is read in the Greek. There it says: "It is necessary that you be born again from above." The word "born" comes from the Greek *gennesthenai* or to come into being. I have heard men say that when an individual learns to play his first piece on the piano he is born into the kingdom of music, or when he paints his first picture he is born into the kingdom of art, or when he reads his first book he is born into the kingdom of literature, and that in this way one is born again. That is not so. This text in John says that we are to be born again from above. The word *ano* is added which is not translated into the King James Version. When a man meets these conditions, there is an infusion of life from God, the gift of the Holy Spirit, which makes him a new creature.

The Bible says there is a condition that must be met for such regeneration or souls will not be born into the church. Isaiah 66:8 declares: "As soon as Zion travailed, she brought forth her children." Paul declared in Galatians 4:19: "My little children, of whom I travail in birth again until Christ be formed in you." It is when the church of Jesus Christ pays the price of soul-travail in prayer, in suffering, and in effort that children are born into the church. Moreover, they are not born unless the church passes through this for then the church would not be capable of caring for such new-born souls. Scripture even speaks of this travail concerning Christ. It says: "He shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied." The full effect of the sufferings of Christ upon the cross is effectuated in the new birth of individuals. Thus for him who is in Christ Jesus, old things pass away and all things become new. He becomes a new creature.

There are many descriptions of this experience, but a brief glance at the first epistle of John will give us some. John declares: "Every one that doeth righteousness is born of him" (2:29), "Whoever is born of God doth not commit sin" (3:9), "We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren" (3:14), "Every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God" (4:7), "Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God" (5:1), "Whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world" (5:4), "Whosoever is born of God sinneth not; but he that is begotten of God keepeth himself" (5:18). These may be held as external tests of whether we have been born of God.

III. The Meaning of the New Birth

But Nicodemus asked one further question. He said: "How can these things be?" And Jesus condescended to answer his question. He declared: "No man hath ascended up to heaven, but he that came down from heaven, even the Son of man which is in heaven." It was by the miracle of Christ's

incarnation. When the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, it was God in human flesh and nature. He emptied Himself and became a man. He took upon Him the fashion and form of a man. He left His glory to come to us in the fullness of time, and when that incarnation work was done, He died for us on the cross and then arose from the dead, taking His human nature with Him into glory from whence He will come again in power and dominion.

It was also by the vicariousness of His death, for Jesus said: "As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life." The reference is to the children of Israel who had sinned as they went through the wilderness (Num. 21:8). They complained and rebelled against God, and by way of punishment, God permitted the serpents of the wilderness to multiply and to bite them. As a

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page. At a glance one can tell the principal things in the paper if we have them on the front page. No one would expect a newspaper to begin leading articles on other pages besides the front page. For the same reason we begin most of the principal articles on the front page. (Naturally some have to begin inside). That means that all of them have to be continued from the front page.

Again, it is only fair and right that ads should always be alongside reading matter. So we have to scatter ads through much of the paper. That gives advertising a good chance to be read. It also serves the readers better by bringing to their attention what the good Christian advertisers have to offer. If the ads were lumped in a big section at the back of the paper and not read, they would not do good, we could not sell ads, so we would have to raise the publication price more even than is necessary at present. But we are earnestly trying to have main articles continued from one page to another as few times as possible.

They Like Sermons and Editor's "Bible Questions Answered"

Most people like the Christian stories in THE SWORD OF THE LORD for young people and others. Nearly everybody enjoyed reports from evangelists. All like the good full-length sermons by great preachers. But we were proud and pleased that at least twice as many people asked for more of the editor's "Bible Questions Answered" as commented on any other single type of reading material in THE SWORD OF THE LORD! People want to know the Bible, they enjoy our answers to Bible questions. So the editor will try to have more answers to Bible questions. However, it is a job to

get them in. We are always crowded with fine material.

Letter-Month Closes April 10; Hurry!

This copy of THE SWORD is dated April 3. If you get this paper on publication date, then it will be exactly one week to the close of the present Letter-Month offers. If the paper gets to you on Monday or Tuesday, then you will only have a very few days left. Don't forget that Letter-Month closes Friday, April 10. Have every letter, every order, every request for the booklet, *Crossing the Deadline*, in the mail and postmarked by midnight, April 10. Please do not ask us to extend all these lovely free offers beyond April 10.

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result, they were dying. Moses took upon himself the responsibility of the people and went to God in travail and prayer asking God to forgive them. The Lord heard Moses' prayer and instructed him to make a brazen serpent, to put it outside the camp on a pole, and whosoever went and looked on that serpent in faith was healed. Thus some looked and were healed, some refused to look and died. Thus Jesus said that the Christ must be lifted up and so He was lifted up, outside the camp, in substitution for sin, judged by the righteousness of God which was symbolized by brass in order that whosoever would put his trust in Him should not perish but have life. Here Jesus clearly presented Himself as the divine substitute, as being made sin for us that we through Him might be the righteousness of God. You may be sure that the atonement of Christ is the only satisfaction for a needy world. He that is looking for the remedy for the sting of sin should look unto Christ who can save and satisfy.

The third emphasis given by Jesus to this man was on the love of God. He declared: "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." God loves you, oh sinner; His love is universal. He loved the world. He has no pets. And out of that love, He gave His own Son, paying the enormous price for your righteousness, your salvation, your regeneration. When Paul was taken captive by the captain in Jerusalem, he affirmed that he was a Roman citizen. This captain said: "With a great sum obtained I this freedom." But Paul said: "But I was free born." We can be born into the kingdom of God without money and without price if we will but trust that which God has done for us in Jesus Christ. His death was sufficient for the salvation of all the world, but all do not believe and all do not have everlasting life.

This passage of scripture emphasizes the necessity of being

born again. Said Jesus: "Except a man be born again." If we are men, then the divine imperative is that we must be born again. There is no other way unto God, to righteousness, to forgiveness and to life. Your own righteousness is as filthy rags. When that interview was over, we may be sure that Nicodemus went home a different man. He was born again. He had been with Jesus. Thus he later took his stand with Jesus and he along with Joseph of Arimathea took the broken body of Jesus down from the cross.

Added the Lord to Nicodemus: "He that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten son of God." And John adds: "He that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him." Wrath means judgment and judgment means Hell according to the Scripture. If you are not born again, you are consigned to death and Hell. From this just punishment of our sins, God is willing to save us. No man will be condemned because he is a sinner, because he has lied, because he has stolen, because he has been impure. But he will be condemned because he has rejected the Lord Jesus Christ, because he has not been born of God, born of water and born of the Spirit. "Ye must be born again."

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